

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, December 10, 2008, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Austin Short, Acting Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.	Pam Millman (representing State Treasurer Jack Markell)
Joseph Wick	L. Allen Messick, Jr.

Absent: G. Ray Staats, and Lyn Davenport.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Scott Blaier, Robin West and Danielle Klosowski.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., and Mr. Michael Brown.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer. At approximately 8:35 Ms. Millman left the meeting as we had a quorum.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 992 farms in preservation districts totaling 147,931 acres, with a total of 505 farms under agricultural easements totaling 88,221 acres at a cost of \$150,042,511. For PDR 14 there are a total of 145 farms comprising 15,472 acres with a value of \$147,784,153. For PDR 15 there are a total of 28 farms, comprising 1,838 acres, with a value of \$18,010,137. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 29 Areas comprising 2,295 acres. For PDR 14 for Forestland Preservation there is a total of 22 Areas, comprising 2,131 acres, with a value of \$9,293,099.

II. Expansion eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Adams, Jr. Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, ID#S-08-09-150H. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Adams, Jr. Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, seconded by Joseph Wick. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Adams Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, ID#S-08-09-150I. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Adams Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**
3. Adams Expansion of the Sugar Hill District, ID#S-08-09-169A. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Adams Expansion of the Sugar Hill District, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**
4. Davis Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, ID#S-08-10-150J. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Davis Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, seconded by Theodore Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**
5. Gary Davis Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, ID#S-08-10-150K. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Gary Davis Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
6. Triple C. Farms Expansion #1 of the Lin-Lo Farms, Inc. District, ID#S-08-11-182A. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Triple C. Farms Expansion #1 of the Lin-Lo Farms, Inc. District, seconded by Joseph Wick. Motion unanimously approved.**
7. Triple C. Farms Expansion #2 of the Lin-Lo Farms, Inc. District, ID#S-08-11-182B. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Triple C. Farms Expansion #2 of the Lin-Lo Farms Inc. District, seconded by Joseph Wick. Motion unanimously approved.**

8. Minner Expansion #1 of the Stayton's District, ID#K-08-10-205G. After discussion, **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Minner Expansion #1 of the Stayton's District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
9. Minner Expansion #2 of the Stayton's District, ID#K-08-10-205H. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Minner Expansion #2 of the Stayton's District, seconded by Joseph Wick. Motion unanimously approved.**
10. Zeh Expansion of the McNatt-Outten District, ID#N-089-11-180D. After discussion, **Joseph Wick moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Zeh Expansion of the McNatt-Outten District, conditional upon obtaining the approval of owner and signature of current owner by closing, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

Acting Secretary Austin Short waived his right of veto for the above expansions.

III. Public Comments – No comments from the public were forthcoming.

IV. Minutes:

1. Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the November 12, 2008 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved the minutes be approved, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Summary for the months of November, 2008.

Howard informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of October 31, 2008, \$146,772.01 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$6,061.57 revenue from rollback taxes and \$402.00 interest income. Expenditures for the month of October totaled \$44,704.55. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved the November Financial Report be approved as presented, seconded by Joseph Wick. Motion unanimously approved.**

Discussion then centered on receiving the financial statement in the mail prior to the Foundation meeting. In the future it was decided that this would be done.

VI. Executive Session

Chairman Garey asked if an Executive Session was necessary. Michael Parkowski indicated it was necessary, **William Vanderwende moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.** The Executive Session started at 8:55 a.m. At 9:20 a.m. the Executive Session ended by **motion of Theodore P. Bobola, Jr., seconded by William Vanderwende.**

VII. Other Business.

1. The Wilson Farm

Michael McGrath presented the Wilson Farm. According to the latest appraisal the farm is worth approximately \$5M. Chairman Garey stated that all the buildings except the barn need to be demolished. The Foundation needs to see that the place is cleaned up and a plaque put on the property stating that it is the Foundation's. We need to get a price on cleaning this property up and to speak with the people who are tilling it. We should have the clean up costs by the January meeting. We also need to think about getting a committee together to decide on what we want done with the property. A request for proposal should be put out for a new lease starting now, for the year 2010.

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VIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on January 14, 2009 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Vanderwende
Vice Chairman